

Remarks:

Independent Claim 1 has been rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,502,881 (“Gaydoul ‘881 Patent”) on the basis that FIG. 4 of the Gaydoul ‘881 Patent shows that the nozzles are inclined in a circumferential direction in the forward direction of the rotation of the nozzle head. Applicant asserts that FIG. 4 shows a perspective view of a nozzle head having all nozzles inclined outwardly in the radial direction only. In support of Applicant’s position, applicant hereby submits a Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.132 from the sole inventor of the Gaydoul ‘881 Patent stating that FIG. 4 is a perspective drawing of the invention described in the specification of the Gaydoul ‘881 Patent and depicts the nozzles inclined only in the radial direction and not in the circumferential direction and that FIGS. 10 and 11 are consistent with FIG. 4 showing the inclination of the nozzles only in the radial direction. See Declaration at ¶¶ 3 and 4. Reconsideration and allowance of Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

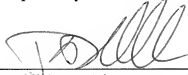
Independent Claim 8 is rejected as obvious over the Gaydoul ‘881 Patent on the same basis as Claim 1 with respect to the inclination of the nozzles. Claim 8 is therefore allowable for the same reasons discussed above and reconsideration and allowance of Claim 8 is respectfully requested.

The remaining claims ultimately depend from Claims 1 and 8 and are therefore in condition for allowance by virtue of dependency alone and without addressing the additional patentable elements thereof.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-18 as amended are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Office is requested and authorized to charge any fee associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 04-1679 to Duane Morris LLP.

Respectfully submitted,



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